

1/17/08

Section on Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
Attn: Phillis Johnson-Ball

Re: **Docket No. 35087**

Madam;

My family has resided in the Village of Frankfort for over thirty years. During that time we have witnessed extensive growth throughout the area. Residential building along with new grocery and retail stores became welcomed additions. New restaurants gave residents more choices to dine. Well managed and controlled growth made Frankfort a very desirable place to live and raise children. Unfortunately, the future does not look as bright.

The proposed sale of the E, J, & E railway to CN poses serious concerns to our community. The consequences of the projected increase in train traffic will be detrimental to vehicular traffic patterns and emergency response times. The increased tonnage of hazardous materials passing our schools and homes raise safety issues. The negative impact on the local environment needs to be studied and addressed.

We ask that you not approve the proposed purchase of E,J,&E by CN. However, after due diligence should the sale proceed, we ask that tough restrictions be imposed upon CN to ensure minimal impact upon the area.

Wildlife is abundant in the area. It is not uncommon to see deer foraging and red foxes chasing squirrels. Red-tailed hawks and blue herons soar overhead. In the evenings the distinctive "HOOT" of great horned owls that nest nearby can be heard.

Please do not allow the "HOOT" to be replaced by train whistles!

Respectfully,



Rich and Sharon Bingham
Frankfort, IL.

Cc; Jerry Ducay, Village of Frankfort

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